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# SMALL TRIPS AT BOSTON

## Prices of Fish Are High in Consequence.

Most of the 26 trips at T wharf this morning are small, the market boats most of them having had but one or two sets. There are but two off-shore vessels in. The demand for fish is brisk and prices are way up.

New haddock opened at \$4.75 and \$5 with large cod also at the latter figure and market cod from \$3 to \$4. Shore large hake brought \$2.25 and pollock touched 80c.

Schs. Georgianna and Catherine and Ellen had 50,000 and 64,000 pounds respectively. Of the shore boats, schs. Sylvia M. Nunan, Mary B. Greer, Frances P. Mesquita, Jessie Costa and Elva L. Spurling have from 20,000 to 30,000 pounds. The rest of the fares range from the former amount down to 4000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 4000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. J. F. McMorrow.  
Sch. Georgianna, 20,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 20,000 hake.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins.  
Sch. Emily Sears, 10,000 pollock.  
Sch. W. H. Clement, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Dixie, 700 cod, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Almeida, 2200 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Hortense, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4500 hake.  
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 7000 hake.  
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 20,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 20,000 hake.  
Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 2500 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 9000 hake, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Jessie Costa, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 5000 haddock, 7000 cod, 6000 hake, 7000 pollock.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 5000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Aspinet, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Emerald, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 6000 hake, 10,000 cusk.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 20,000 hake.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake.  
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 4000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$4.75 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, 75c to \$2.25; pollock, 60c to 80c; cusk, \$2.

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# SPLITTERS GET BOSTON SURPLUS

## Most of Fish Receipts Here Today from That Port.

"Down from Boston," is the story of most of the arrivals here today. Schs. Fannie E. Prescott, Lillian and Conqueror bring from 85,000 to 115,000 pounds of codfish each, for the splitters, while sch. Waldo L. Stream brought down a small lot of salt cod.

Also from Boston are schs. Elizabeth W. Nunan and Olive F. Hutchins with fresh hake and schs. Valentina and James and Esther, with pollock.

The steam netter Quoddy is in again, this time with 10,000 pounds of hake and pollock. The only off shore arrival early this morning was sch. Mildred Robinson, from a Quero Bank shack trip, with 100,000 pounds of fresh cod.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. James and Esther, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Quoddy, shore, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Waldo L. Stream, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Conqueror, via Boston, 115,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Lillian, via Boston, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mildred Robinson, Quero Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. hake.  
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, North Bay, seining, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Schs. Sadie M. Nunan, Helen B. Thomas, Topsall Girl, Edith Silveira, Mary E. Cooney, Evelyn M. Thompson, M. Madeleine, Motor, Matiana, Manomet, Maud F. Silva, Juniata, Stranger and Tecumseh, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.  
Outside sales, fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67 1-2c.  
Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.  
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.  
Salt, dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.  
Round pollock, 55 cts. per cwt.  
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.  
Bank halibut, 16 cts. per lb. for white, 13 cts. for gray.  
Small lots of fresh halibut, 19 cts lb.  
Flitted halibut, 8 1-4 cts. per lb.  
Salt large shore mackerel, rimmed, late caught, \$38 per bbl. for large and \$22 for medium.  
North Bay salt mackerel, \$22 per bbl.  
Board of trade prices:  
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.  
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.  
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.  
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.  
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.  
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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### Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing steamer E. N. Brown, which lost her trip of herring on Saturday night as a result of striking on the Whaleback, as before reported, was in again Monday with another good fare. The steamer was not injured in the slightest by the accident.

Monday's fish arrivals were sch. Angie B. Watson, 10,000 pounds, Albert W. Black, 6000 pounds, Edmund F. Black, 8000 pounds, Bernie and Bessie, 8000 pounds, Fanny Hayden, 3000 pounds.

Steamer Elthier had 84 barrels of herring, steamer E. N. Brown, 125 barrels, steamer Pet, 75 barrels.

Over 1000 barrels of herring have been shipped to Eastport since Saturday to the sardine factories.

The strong southwest wind, which prevailed all day Monday died out early in the evening and about 10 o'clock last night the wind shifted to the north northwest. The local fishing fleet started out for the fishing grounds but was unable to make a set of the trawls and was obliged to return to port Tuesday morning empty handed. The fishermen report that the weather conditions are very unfavorable outside the Cape Elizabeth lightship, the heavy wind picking up a choppy sea and as the wind Tuesday was nearly opposite to the wind Monday, a nasty cross sea is prevailing and the conditions are worse to the leeward of the lightship than close in shore.

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### Sch. Agnes at Portland.

Sch. Agnes of this port is at Portland today with 10,000 pounds of halibut.

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# MACKEREL SEASON UNSUCCESSFUL

Total Catch of the  
New England Fleet  
Falls Below Last  
Year.

Fishermen Discussing  
Close Season and Re-  
turn to Oldtime Meth-  
ods.

With the arrival here yesterday of sch. Annie Greenlaw from North Bay and Cape Shore, the mackerel fishery of New England for the season of 1909 came to a close. The season as a whole cannot be called a successful one, indeed it is perhaps the only branch of the fisheries as pursued from this port that does not make a good showing this season.

The catch is even less than that of 1908. The season opened with bad weather out south and the fleet which went out there early did poorly, with but few individual exceptions. The fish acted in an erratic manner on the Cape Shore, but the catch there was a good one. After July came in, everything, however, has been a gamble and guess work as far as mackerel habitats and movements were concerned.

The Rips, as last year, panned out pretty well, although not as good as the year before and about all the fish caught there were run fresh to the Boston market. Georges furnished a little spurt. It looked pretty good at the start, but petered out rather quickly. Some fish were taken out around Block Island, No Man's Land and South Shoal lightship and all along that way much fish were reported at different times, the reports, however, not being borne out by the small catches made.

Late in the season there was a little spurt on the Maine coast, off Monhegan, but it amounted to little. A few fish were also taken off Race Point and Chatham, but Boston Bay and Bay of Fundy failed to produce anything.

The North Bay Season Was Disappointing,

not only because of the small catch, but because of the all too apparent scarcity of fish, which condition also prevailed at the end of the season off North Sydney, C. B. There was a good strike in October on the Cape Shore, from Margaret's bay to Liverpool, but the fish were so far in shore that the traps and boats of the Nova Scotia fishermen only benefited.

During the season there has been a great deal of agitation regarding making a close season out south on mackerel, some arguing for a law to prohibit seining previous to June 1, while others have talked strongly on the point of abandoning seines for a few seasons and going back to the old method of mackerel catching—hook and line fishing and throwing toll bait. Nothing definite has resulted, but the matter is sure to be considerably discussed ashore this winter.

The Catch of Mackerel By the New England Fleet

for the season of 1909, is 17,322 barrels of salt mackerel and 46,439 barrels fresh mackerel. Of these amounts 14,805 barrels salt mackerel and 3350 barrels fresh mackerel were landed at this port.

The 1908 catch was 21,167 barrels salt mackerel and 57,566 barrels fresh mackerel, of which 17,450 barrels salt mackerel and 4365 barrels fresh were landed at this port.

The North bay fleet, comprising 22 vessels, has landed 1785 barrels of salt mackerel, all at this port. Last year this fleet comprised 15 sail and landed 2203 barrels. The season has ended earlier than last, the final arrival of the mackerel fleet in 1908 being sch. Mary E. Harty, from a North bay and late Cape Shore trip, on November 21.

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### Halibut Caught by the Tail.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, which arrived at Boston on Monday, had one halibut in her hold, which was caught in a peculiar manner. The man who caught it, had his line out for ground fish, and when he hauled in, he found the big halibut had twisted the line about its tail in such a manner that it was held fast. The fish weighed over 150 pounds.



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# FISH BRINGS GOOD PRICES

## Scarce Article with T Wharf Dealers Today.

Most any kind of fish is worth good money at T wharf today. There are but 13 trips in, three of these being pollockers, and there is not enough in sight to supply the dealers' demand, the trade being of the usual Wednesday briskness.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips is high line with 55,000 pounds and is in for a \$1500 stock or better. Schs. Fanny Belle Atwood and Louisa R. Sylvia have good fares, around 30,000 pounds. The other trips are small ranging from 4000 to 19,000 pounds.

Haddock, new, opened way up, from \$5 to \$5.50, with codfish at from \$4 to \$5.50. Even hake got a move on and sold at from \$1 to over \$2 for shore large. Pollock felt the effects of the big demand and short supply and sold as high as \$1.50.

In the vessels there were a small lot of bream and red fish, as the fishermen call them, and for which there is a standard price at all times. They are said to have as fine a taste as the red snapper of the southern waters.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Washakie, 6200 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Louisa R. Sylvia, 4000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 8000 hake, 12,000 pollock.  
Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.  
Sch. Olympia, 16,000 pollock.  
Sch. Maxwell, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Diana, 4500 pollock.  
Sch. Julietta, 2500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 4000 haddock, 8000 cod, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 16,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 23,000 hake.  
Sch. Fanny B. Atwood, 7000 haddock, 9500 cod, 7000 hake, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 2300 haddock, 1200 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk, 3000 pollock.  
Sch. Metamor, 5000 haddock, 3000 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$5 to \$5.50 per cwt.; cod, \$4 to \$5.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.10; pollock, \$1.15 to \$1.50.

### Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

Both the Halifax and the Yarmouth steamers of Boston had mackerel for the Boston market Monday. On the Yarmouth steamer there were 22 barrels of fresh mackerel and 63 barrels on the Halifax steamer. There was not much smelt for the market, as Monday is the bad day of the week, the fish having to lay over Sunday, and the dealers discourage the fishermen from sending them to arrive on Monday morning. The home fishermen are sending, however, and there are enough smelts from near-by places to give the market enough to do business with.

### Will Go After Herring.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, will sail today for Bay of Islands, N. F., on a herring trip.

The Newfoundland government report says:

"Birchy Cove—Some herring report on outside; 17 vessels in port.

"King's Point, Southwest Arm—Plenty herring; boats getting from three to six barrels.

"Bonne Bay—Codfishery abandoned; men getting ready for herring fishery. Herring scarce, only from 12 to 20 per net taken yesterday."

### Fishermen Hampered for Bait.

The fishermen are having trouble in getting bait again, and on Monday several of the Boston vessels that had put into Provincetown for bait, were obliged to take frozen bait, as there was no fresh bait to be had, and poor prospect of getting any. Another sample of how the anti-torching regulations affect the fishing fleet.

### Will Make Good Stocks.

Schs. Fannie E. Prescott, Lillian and Conqueror, which brought a portion of their fares to this port yesterday from Boston for the splitters, are in for fine stocks. The former took out \$1000 worth of fish at Boston, and brought enough to this port to bring her up to handy \$3000. Sch. Lillian took out \$600 worth at Boston and brought about \$1200 worth to this port.

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### Heavy Wind Bothered Fishermen.

Monday was a bad day for the fishermen, although some of them took chances and set their trawls. Capt. Joseph Mesquita of sch. Frances P. Mesquita came in at Boston late Monday night. He had his trawls out Monday while the wind was blowing a stiff gale from the southeast, and was obliged to wait all day until the wind died out at night before he could haul them and feared the whole time that all of them would be lost.

### Caught 125 Pound Halibut.

One of the crew of sch. Fitz A. Oakes, which arrived at Boston yesterday, had a halibut weighing 125 pounds, which he caught off here on a pollock hook. The lucky chap got 13 cents per pound for the fish.

### No Fresh Bait.

The boats and torchers brought over no herring this morning, making two days now that there has been nothing doing in the fresh bait line.

### Fitting for Halibut.

Sch. Niagara is fitting for halibuting under command of Capt. Melvin Kilpatrick.

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## FRESH HAKE AND POLLOCK

### Only Fish Receipts at This Port This Morning.

Very little doing in the fish arrival line here since last report. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Annie Greenlaw, the last of the North Bay seiners, arrived. Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan came down from Boston with a few hake and two pollockers brought in small fares.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Pauline, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Norman Fisher, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh hake.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston.  
Sch. Margie Smith, shore.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph Russell, pollocking.  
Sch. Volant, pollocking.  
Sch. Thalia, pollocking.  
Sch. Jubilee, pollocking.  
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., pollocking.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, pollocking.  
Sch. Grace Darling, pollocking.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, pollocking.  
Sch. Edward A. Rich, pollocking.  
Sch. Priscilla, pollocking.  
Sch. Valentina, pollocking.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.  
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Galatea, shore.  
Sch. Geo. H. Lubee, shore.  
Sch. Flavilla, shore.  
Sch. Matiana, shore.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.  
Sch. Tecumseh, shore.  
Sch. Buema, shore.  
Sch. Motor, shore.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, shore.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.  
Sch. Topsail Girl, shore.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore.  
Sch. Juniata, shore.  
Sch. Stranger, shore.  
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, shore.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.  
Sch. Benj. A. Smith, haddocking.  
Sch. Aloha, Newfoundland herring trip.  
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, haddocking.  
Sch. Morning Star, haddocking.  
Sch. Paragon, halibuting.  
Sch. Mina Swim, deck handlining.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.  
Sch. James and Lester, pollocking.  
Sch. Pauline, pollocking.  
Sch. Aloha, Newfoundland salt herring.

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Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large; \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith Stocked \$2176 on Haddock Trip.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, Capt. James Goodwin, stocked \$2176 on her fine haddock fare, landed Monday at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, the crew sharing \$48.62.

### HIGH LINE WAS \$288.38.

Sch. Aloha Stocked Over \$13,000 in Virgin Rocks Cod Trip.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis, weighed off 346,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent dory handline trip to Virgin Rocks. The stock was \$11,084.39, the high line of the crew sharing \$288.38. Over 12 of the crew shared over \$200 each for their share of the voyage.

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### EXCELLENCE OF SEAWEED.

Apparently Worthless Stuff Has Many Values to the People.

Seaweed is not much to look at, but seaweed does not depend so much upon beauty as upon more substantial merit to make itself worthy of attention. Various species of it are used in manufactures, and several varieties are edible, the most important of the latter being Irish or carrageen moss, used in the preparation of jellies—blanc-mange, for instance, dulce, or dilleek, very highly thought of in Scotland, particularly when roasted by wrapping about hot tongs, and kelp or tangle. Irish moss and some other species, particularly eelgrass and flatstalk rockweed, have been found valuable as a cattle food, especially when boiled to destroy the rank taste and mixed with meal. The eelgrass and rockweed compare favorably with hay as regards the most important constituent, protein, containing 6.03 and 8.21 per cent, respectively. They are deficient in fat, but contain a large amount of ash. The great bulk of seaweed gathered, however, is used as a fertilizer, and the average seaweed contains large quantities of all the essential fertilizing elements. Allowing 10 cents a pound for nitro-gen, two cents a pound for phosphoric acid and four cents a pound for potash—and these are as low prices as it is possible to procure those materials in any form—a ton of seaweed, containing 80 per cent. water, is worth as a fertilizer \$1.42 a ton.—New York Times.

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### Halibut Sales.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Preceptor sold to the New England Fish Company at 12 cents per pound right through for white and gray.

Sch. Agnes got 12 cents per pound for her halibut landed yesterday at Portland.

### Lobster Business Good.

The lobster business is getting to be quite an industry at Rockland, the American Express Company a few days ago having shipped 275 barrels on one train alone. The lobsters were billed for western cities, some going as far as Mexico.